



COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S COLUMN –

September 2019

As your County Councillor, I am always on hand to try and deal with any concerns you may have about services provided by Leicestershire County Council. Such as street lighting, highways, footpaths, overhanging trees and hedges onto the highways/footpaths, social services etc.

A512/Ashby Road Improvements

I presented the petitions regarding the proposal to remove the NO left turn from Iveshead Road onto Ashby Road and a second petition asking County to look at the white lines at the top of Charnwood Road which is causing problems to traffic leaving Gelders Hall due to queuing traffic. I presented the petitions to the Cabinet Lead member for Highways Cllr Blake Pain.

If you wish to comment on the proposed alteration on the A512 the details are AMP@leics.gov.uk (Asset and Major Programs) or to view the plans go to www.leicestershire.gov.uk/m1j23 under supporting documents.

Morgan Sindall has been appointed by Leicestershire County Council to deliver the M1 junction 23 and A512 improvement scheme. If you have any concerns about these works, please call **07779 417695** or you can email A512improvements@morgansindall.com if you contact this email you can ask to be kept informed and receive their monthly newsletter, if you signed up and have not received your newsletter please contact them again as they were unable to read some of the email addresses **or** A512dualling@morgansindall.com .

In the meantime Morgan Sindall will deliver letters to residents and businesses directly affected by night road closures.

Other web pages you might find useful information about the works are:

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-travel/road-maintenance/m1-junction-23-and-a512-improvement-scheme and details of any proposed diversions:-

www.leicestershire.gov.uk/news/further-night-closures-planned-for-m1j23-and-a512-improvement-this-week



It has not helped that Severn Trent commenced works at the junction of Ashby Road with Epinal Way together with other works around the area.

For future reference Severn Trent's customer service number is **03457 500 500** other numbers you might find useful to keep a note of are:- Public enquires traffic management **07779 417 695** and to report problems such as fallen trees, blocked gullies etc., **0116 305 0001**

X roads – Charley/lveshead

By the time you have received this issue the road works at these cross roads should have been finished. I shall continue to monitor if the improvements have helped. I am sure that you will keep me informed should there still be issues.

Notification of essential maintenance works M1 Junction 23 to Junction 23a

I wish to inform you that Highways England will be carrying out essential maintenance work on the M1 between junction 23 and junction 23a on both the northbound and southbound carriageways.

During the scheme Highways England will be:-

- Carrying out patching repair works to both carriageways
- Reinststate road markings and traffic loops
- Remove and replace the waterproofing layer on the West Meadow Viaduct

Once completed, drivers will benefit from improved road safety and a smoother journey.

Work is due to start on 23rd September 2019 and is scheduled for completion by the end of October 2019. Highways England said to keep to their programme for these works as short as possible and minimise disruption to the local community and road users, they will work:

- Between 9 pm and 5 am, Saturday to Thursday (northbound carriageway)
 - Between 10 pm and 6 am, Monday to Saturday (southbound carriageway)
- Some Sunday shifts may be required.

If you have any questions about these works you can:

Email them at info@highwaysengland.co.uk or call **0300 123 5000**



Advance notice of a temporary traffic regulation order (TTRO)

A TTRO is to be made for the following locations;
Tickow Lane, Hallamford Road, Belton Street, Oakley Road to allow Core Special Projects to safely undertake highway improvement works in connection with the new development.

The closures are programmed to proceed as follows:-

- Tickow Lane – closed from 28th October 2019 for up to 7 weeks
- Oakley Road – closed from 25th November 2019 for up to 4 weeks
- Tickow Lane, Oakley Road, Belton Street and Hallamford Road closed from 6th January 2020 for 4 nights.

The above works should hopefully make this junction safe, which is something I have been campaigning for since I got elected as County Councillor.

Proposed 50 mph speed limit order 201

Leicestershire County Council hereby gives notice that it proposes to make an Order under Sections 5 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

To impose a 50 mph Speed Limit on part of Ashby Road West, Tickow Lane, Charley Road, Sandhole Lane, Swannymote Road and Forest Lane in the Parish of Shepshed and Low Woods Lane. Gracedieu Lane and Ashby Road in the parish of Belton.

A copy of the proposed Order together with a plan illustrating the proposals can be found at the Town Council offices or the documents can be viewed on line at <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel.cars-and-parking.traffic-management-consultations>

All County roads that are assigned the national speed limit have been reviewed to identify those with an accident rate higher than the national average. As a result of this review Ashby Road West and Ashby Road, have been identified to have a total number of accidents above the national average. Therefore, in order to increase general safety and reduce the accident rate, the County Council proposed to reduce the speed limit from 60 mph to 50 mph.



Police

I was introduced to Mark Bott the new Charnwood NPA Commander along with Cllr Tassell, Chairman of the Town Council, and have recently had the need to contact him. I am very impressed with how quick he followed up my concerns and the concerns of residents which I had brought to his attention.

Since his move to Charnwood he has set up a Neighbourhood Link this is a really effective way for the police to keep you updated. He is also working on reforming neighbourhood watch for Charnwood. Sgt Chris Wharton is leading on this.

To sign up for the neighbourhood link contact www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk/sign-up this is a free service.

Police have recently reported that they ran a proactive operation around this area which resulted in 7 people being arrested, a number of cars seized and drugs recovered too and it targets county lines.

Vehicle Crime

The theft of high powered vehicles is currently becoming an issue in parts of Shepshed. In partnership with Charnwood Borough Council some car key wallets are available at the police desk in the council offices; these will reduce the likelihood of the car being taken remotely without the key. This of course isn't the only answer. I would please encourage you all to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the police without delay.

Action Fraud

Criminals Targeting People with Universal Credit

Action Fraud has received 63 reports about a scam in which fraudsters target people with offers of "low cost" loans or "free" government grants. What the victims aren't told is that the money they'll receive is actually an advance payment for Universal Credit. The criminals use the personal information they've obtained under false pretences to make an application in the victim's name. After the fraudsters have taken their "fee" from the advance payment, the victim is then left to pay back the total amount once their repayments begin.



- Never share your personal or financial information with someone you don't know and trust, especially if it's in response to an offer of "free money" or a "free grant".
- Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) staff will never approach you in the street or ask for your personal/financial details over social media
- If you have concerns about your benefits, you should visit www.gov.uk/contact-jobcentre-plus
- If you suspect your identity may have been stolen, you can check your credit rating quickly and easily online. You should do this every few months anyway, using a reputable service provider and following up on any unexpected or suspicious results.

Temporary closure of Shepshed waste site/refuse tip

The recycling and household waste site is to temporarily close on Monday 2nd September, so that essential maintenance work can be carried out. I did report this some months ago, this is just a reminder.

It is expected to be closed for 12 weeks and will re-open on Monday 25th November. The closure will allow County to carry out necessary drainage work as well as maintenance to other areas within the site. Local residents and permit holders wanting to use an alternative waste site during the closure can visit;

- Loughborough RHWS, Railway Terrace LE11 1HW (Saturday- Wednesday)
- Lount RHWS, Nottingham Road, LE65 1SD (Thursday-Monday)
- Coalville RHWS, Linden Way, LE67 3LA (Saturday-Wednesday)
- Mountsorrel RHWS, Granite Way LE12 7TZ (Thursday-Sunday)

Permits for the Shepshed waste site will be accepted at both of the above sites during the closure and kerbside collections will continue to take place as usual.

To find the location and opening days and times for all 14 county council sites visit: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/waste



Environment and Waste Service

County intends to expand the current permit scheme to accept commercial style fridges and freezers and the acceptance of car tyres and hazardous wood for a small charge. The introduction of the additional waste streams should commence by the end of 2020/21.

Re-cycle your Nearly New Baby and Toddler event

County are holding a Baby and Toddler Nearly New Sale on Sunday 29th September 10am -3pm at Beaumanor Hall. Buy and sell your baby and toddler clothes. **Free entry** or £15 for a stall. Children's clothes, maternity clothes, prams, highchairs, cots etc. if you have any good quality second-hand children's goods, there is no point them sitting in a cupboard, to book a stall call 01509 890 119. Sorry, no retail or businesses allowed, this is for a second-hand goods only. A 6 ft table will be provided for you.

Don't let your recycling go to waste

In caring for the environment, we all want to recycle as much as we can and Leicestershire residents are already recycling just over 45% of what they throw away. However, a number of incorrect items are being put into recycling bins, which can prevent good material from being recycled.

Last year, 5,500 tonnes of material placed in recycling bins in Leicestershire was rejected due to wrongly recycled items, such as **disposable nappies** and **food waste** spoiling good quality recyclable material. Such as not taking out of the pizza box the uneaten pizza.

In Leicestershire County deals with about 305,000 tonnes of waste a year and 55,000 tonnes of that is recyclable material of which there is a certain amount of contamination. As a county we are aiming to recycle 50% of all household waste by 2020. So, the less we contaminate our recycling the easier it will be to meet targets, reduce recycling cost and contribute towards a more environmentally sustainable place to live, and reduce the costs to you the tax payer.

For more information on what can and can't be recycled in your recycling bin or bag, visit www.lesswaste.org.uk



Gully cleaning

County regularly empty and check the gullies around Shepshed, but should you have concerns regarding a gully do not hesitate to contact me.

Following concerns raised by a resident who lives on the new estate known as Monastery Gardens regarding a gully on Iveshead Road near to the mini round about. Following an inspection by an officer where cleaning the blocked gully does not solve the problem the issue will be passed to a drainage officer for further investigation.

I do follow up concerns raised by residents, even if I am not given contact details, sometimes it can take a while for the necessary works to be carried out, or in some cases officers cannot see a problem, it is helpful to have contact details so that I can keep you up dated with how things are progressing.

Your help

Again I would like to thank the residents who keep me informed regarding issues around Shepshed, such as overgrown hedges, litter, dog mess, inconsiderate parking (on pavements, yellow lines, outside of schools) etc., without your eyes and ears I could not get them reported and sorted.

If for some reason you do not receive your copy of the Eye I now have my information posted on my web page at County. This will also help you to keep track on road closures etc.

For help and advice on County matters, I can be contacted on 01509 502974 or e mail christine_radford@hotmail.com or christine.radford@leics.gov.uk or come along to my monthly Surgery on the FIRST Saturday of the month in the Town Council Offices, 47a Charnwood Road 10-11am. No appointment is necessary.